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FRIDAY, SEPT. 14.

GORRESPONDENCE.

ELKATAWA.

South Strong is representing Charity Council, No. 116, Jr. O. U. A. M. at the State meeting at Frankfort this week.

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Oaks was attended by a large crowd Sunday, near Uncle Caldwell Oaks' home. Services were conducted by Rev. Boggs, George Oaks, of Lee county, and others.

Uncle Reuben Smith visited the school of South Strong on the 26th ult., as acting superintendent under Henry B. Noble. Everyone is always pleased to meet with Uncle Reuben, as he is an interesting talker and a true supporter of educational interests.

The picnic given by the Jr. O. U. A. M., on August 25, was in every way a success. The exercises consisted of marching by the Juniors, D. of A. and Elkatawa school combined, and the presentation of a Bible and flag to the school. Rev. J. D. Hunter gave an interesting talk on the principles of the order. The citizens were all highly entertained and

FRESH BREAD EVERY DAY
At Dills & Hadden's. Next door to the bank.

"The Weigh of the Transgressor."



TERRY.

Nan Little was here Saturday.

W. M. Terry was here the first of the week.

Ike Terry made a business trip to Jackson Saturday.

Mrs. Asberry Spicer visited L. C. Terry's family Sunday.

George Griffith and Oscar Combs were here last Saturday.

Mrs. Ellen Terry, of Jackson, was a visitor here Wednesday.

Miss Cappie Terry visited Misses Emma and Maggie Herald Saturday evening.

Joe Terry, of Turkey, visited Miles Terry's family from Thursday till Saturday.

Miss Cappie Terry and her mother visited her sister, Mrs. Luther Little, Sunday.

MONICA.

EDITOR NEWS:
As I never see anything in your columns from Monica, I thought I would let your readers hear from Bear Creek. We have two good free schools, three stores, eight blacksmith shops, two churches, one I. O. O. F. hall, one deputy clerk, one constable, one preacher, one water mill, one physician and plenty of hog and hominy. Come and see us. We will give you more next time if this misses the waste basket.

Hopkins Gets a Whack.
Referring to the candidacy of Frank Hopkins, the Frenchburg Agitator, a Democratic newspaper publishes the following:

"The fact that he sent money and whisky into local option counties to secure delegation, and then conspired with Dave Redwine and Jim Hargis and still betrayed opposing candidates, and all the time declaring he was not aspiring for the office, unfit him to represent ME or any other Tenth Congressional Democrat.

G. W. MCCORMICK."

Just arrived at Haddix's fresh cakes and candies.

New L. & E. Time Table.

The Lexington & Eastern Railway has a new time table on the fourth page of THE NEWS. The new schedule went into effect last Sunday and changes the time of the departure of train No. 4 from Jackson from 6:25 to 6:10 a. m. Train No. 4 now leaves Lexington at 7:35 a. m. and arrives in Jackson at 11:15. No change in the arrival and departure of the afternoon trains. Hereafter trains Nos. 2, 3 and 4 will make connections with the L. & E. Railway at Beattyville Junction for Beattyville.

FOR SALE.

Fresh Meats, Hams and good old Country Bacon, at the New Meat Shop. Next door to bank.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been issued during the past week:

E. A. Morris and Miss Emily Spencer, both of Filmore; Calloway Henson and Miss Ida White, both of Roosevelt; George Finley, of Frozen Creek, and Miss Vickey Clemons of Lambrie.

Fresh breakfast foods at Haddix's. Phone 39.

In the case of Sam Jett against James Hargis, B. F. French and Ed Callahan for \$10,000 damages, Judge Benton vacated the bench, stating that Jim Hargis had cherished an imaginary grievance against him for several years. Wonder if Beckham will appoint Dorsey or Lewis?

Rev. W. J. Dodge has returned to his field of labor in Jackson. After his illness at Lexington he took a trip to Macine Island. His improved in health and much stronger. The subject of his sermon Sunday morning at 11 o'clock will be "The Bible as Our Only Infallible Guide," evening subject, at 7:30 o'clock, "The Stranger." All are cordially invited to attend.

BIG BLUE GRASS FAIR.

The gates of the Big Blue Grass Fair will be thrown open at Lexington next Monday, September 17th, and for six days and six nights the people of Lexington and Central Kentucky will be given the opportunity to attend what promises to be the biggest and best fair ever given in the South. Over \$25,000 will be given in premiums. This is the largest amount ever offered by any fair association in Kentucky. Kopp's famous Military Band of Cincinnati has been secured to furnish the music. Musical features of real interest and novelty will be provided. There will be high-class free attractions in front of the grand stand, both morning and afternoon of each day, and there will be some fifteen or twenty shows, each possessing some unusual feature and getting away from the old hackneyed shows of the midway type. Reduced rates have been secured on all railroads.

SAY!

Everybody is talking about it. The New Meat Shop. Next door to the bank. All kinds of Fresh and Cured Meats.

F. A. Estes, Wyndotte, Ky., says: I had fourteen hogs sick with cholera and had turned one in a rye field to die, as I did not think they could be saved. Some of these hogs were so sick they could not eat and they were all scouring very badly. I gave them Bourbon Hog Cholera Remedy and to my surprise it soon cured them. Sold and guaranteed by Day Bros Company, Jackson, Ky.

We are now receiving a nice line of gents' and boys' up-to-date furnishings, such as Suits, Shirts, Shoes, Hats, Ties, etc., also, Ladies' and Misses' Furnishing Goods. Call and let us show you the best goods for the lowest prices before you make a purchase elsewhere.

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THINGS THEATRICAL.

Box Government to give several "commands" before King Edward VII. Queen Alexandra is Cariboo.

The first performance of Stanley Dark's new society comedy, "The Man and the Angel," will take place at the Lyceum theater, Rochester, N. Y.

Miss Florence Roberts will be seen in "Gloriosa" next season. Miss Roberts gave the first English production of the D'Annunzio play in San Francisco in 1904.

There are only two Boston animal arenas in America this summer. One is at Dreamland, Coney Island, N. Y., and the other is at Paragon park, Narragansett Beach, R. I.

James T. Powers has been selected as the star of "The Blue Moon," which is one of the Lyric theater (London) successes. His wife, Rachel Booth, will be in the company.

Arthur Wirt, Pianist recently went on a vacation to celebrate his twenty-fifth year of successful playwriting. "The Money Spender," his first long play, was put on twenty-five years ago in London, with the Kendals and John Hare in the cast. His only previous work is "The Royal Box."

The romantic and political people of Spain have fallen captive to the charms of their new queen and call her "the golden-haired fairy of the sleeping palace."

The German Emperor owns the most valuable diamond board in existence. The light and dark squares are made of silver and gold, and the draughts are also made of silver and gold, each having a diamond or a ruby in the center.

The waist of Queen Maud of Norway measures but seventeen inches, and she is so ethereal in appearance that even in England, where the cult of thinness has as worshippers practically all the women of the realm and many of the men, she is called rather too frail and delicate in appearance.

Princess Victoria, the Kaiser's only daughter, is now a well grown girl. She is tall for her age and uncommonly plain in feature, but what she lacks in beauty is made good in spiritfulness.

For one thing, she stands in no awe of her size and puts etiquette to flight when any whim seizes her.

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T. F. Cannon, Avon, Ky., says: I cured my hogs of a very bad case of cholera with Bourbon Hog Cholera Remedy. Several of these hogs could not eat and I had to drench them with the remedy. This is the only remedy I have ever used that will cure hog cholera and I never had a thrifter lot of hogs on my place than these are now.

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A suite of apartments was advertised at a fashionable watering place as having among its attractions "a splendid view over a fine garden adorned with numerous sculptures." It was found on applying at the address that the garden adorned with sculptures was a cemetery.

CALCUTTA STREET WATERERS.

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WORMS

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Local and Personal

DRINK WAINSCOTT'S POP.

Fresh bread and butter at Had-dix's.

John Craft, of Rousseau, was here on business Tuesday.

Stop with Hart Bros., at Reed hotel when in Lexington.

Sam Callahan, of Canoe, was here Tuesday on business.

D. R. Clark, of Stanton, came up Wednesday for a few days stay.

John Brown, Esq., of Lambrie, was here last week attending court.

E. L. Maxix has moved into Mrs. Davis' house on College avenue.

L. Parrott, of Robbins, was visiting relatives here the first of the week.

Middlesboro was selected by Jr. O. U. A. M. for their meeting in 1907.

H. B. Keith, constable of the Spring Fork precinct, was here on business last week.

William Roberts and John W. Hardin, of Clay Hole, returned Monday from Irvine.

Willie Kash, of Lexington, is visiting his cousin, H. C. Hurst, and other relatives here.

Don't fail to get our cut prices on Ladies' and Misses' Shoes.

HADDEN BROS.

George H. Patrick, of Stanton, was here selling shoes to our merchants during the past week.

Hiram D. Back, of Stevenson, was here Saturday after a load of goods for his store at that place.

Firestein & Euster's store will be closed next Thursday and Friday on account of the Jewish New Year.

Dentistry practiced in all its branches by the Cincinnati Painless Dentist. Office at the Arlington Hotel.

Miss Abbie Bailey returned from the city Tuesday where she purchased a new and complete stock of millinery.

Mr. and Mrs. Bascombe Walters were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Everett Back at Cannel City from Saturday till Monday.

Miss Margaret Basket returned from the city last week where she selected a complete stock of new fall millinery for Day Bros. Co.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Harris left Thursday morning to visit relatives in Wyoming county, West Virginia. They will be absent about ten days.

Mrs. Elihue Clemons, of Clemmons, returned last week from Louisville, where she underwent a successful surgical operation. She is much improved in health.

Flint Davis, of Lost Creek, and I. B. Combs, of Clay Hole, returned Monday from a trip down the river. They had to tie up their rafts at Beattyville on account of the lowness of the tide.

Robert Turner was arrested at Irvine by Simon Gross, a Deputy Sheriff, and brought here Monday and delivered to Jailer Little. He is charged with horse stealing and his examining trial has been set for next Saturday.

Religious services will be conducted at Mrs. Surilda Short's, near the mouth of Jett's Creek, on Saturday, September 29, and at the home of Isaac Terry, Sr., on Turkey Creek, on Sunday, September 30, by Rev. Taylor and others.

The Cincinnati Painless Dentist has located in Jackson, with office at the Arlington Hotel. Any one wishing to have dental work done should call and get consultation. All work executed without pain, by the latest and improved methods. See ad in another column.

The James Shelby Show gave one performance here Wednesday, which was the best we have ever seen in Jackson. The best of order prevailed, which was in marked contrast to the show here last year, but then you know there is quite a difference in county affairs then and now. Let us always be on the improve. We are proud of the change.

Attacked

At the Court House Door and Threatened With Death.

I have been threatened with death by a certain man here if I print his name in THE NEWS. It is the province of a newspaper to print the news. If, in so doing, it is necessary to use his name, I will do so, just as other people's names are used. All I am is, if I violate the law, let me be punished by the courts. I am not ready to be assassinated or murdered.

I have been in public life for more than twenty years and have had more or less business with every man in the county, having held a public office a considerable portion of that time, and hold one now by the grace of the good people of this county.

I have never committed a breach of the peace against any one, nor do I go forth armed. I have never been attacked but twice and both of those were made by the same man at the same place; the first nearly five years ago; the other Thursday. Both occurred at the court house door, where every man has a right to feel safe.

NOTICE.

I want to impress upon my friends that unless they pay their taxes in a short time the law compels me to collect a penalty on same. This would be an unpleasant duty for me, so I insist that you pay your taxes immediately and spare me this trouble and yourselves the expense.

Yours Respectfully,

BRECK CRAWFORD, Sheriff.

A reception was tendered Hon. W. J. Bryan at Louisville Wednesday. Leading Democrats from all over the South were there to meet him. More than 22,000 people heard his speech at the Armory Wednesday night.

Miss Amanda Frazier, an account of whose illness appeared last week's NEWS, died at the hospital in Lexington last Thursday a week ago. Her remains were brought home and buried in the family grave yard, near the mouth of Cane Creek.

H. C. McChesney has withdrawn from the race for Auditor in the State primary, giving as his reasons that on account of the high entrance fee it would cost more money to make the race than the salary of the office. It seems that under the new Democracy none but the rich can afford to run for office.

THE NEWS is sorry to note the resignation of Deputy Sheriff S. B. Stidham, which was tendered Breck Crawford, Sheriff of Breathitt county, on last Friday, which was a complete surprise to Mr. Crawford. After a settlement was made Mr. Stidham received a receipt in full for all monies collected by him during his term of office. Mr. Stidham has a better position in view which was the cause of his resigning.

J. L. McCoy, who has been Deputy Collector of this division, with headquarters here, for the past six years, left last Sunday for Richmond, whether he has been transferred and where he will have charge of his new division. Mr. McCoy made many friends here during his stay, having held this position longer than any one before him, and it is with much regret that they see him leave. They, however, wish him much success in his new field.

Louis Howard, who was arrested for the murder of Galen Mann about two years ago, had his examining trial last week before County Judge Taulbee and was held to answer in a bond, which he gave. James Patton was sentenced to the penitentiary for two years at the February term of this court for this crime. The evidence in that trial tended to connect Howard with the crime, but the witness who swore out the warrant was not before the grand jury.

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Cooper Declares for Langley.

Judge Archibald P. Cooper, who for years has been the Democratic leader in Magoffin county, has kissed goodbye to Democracy and joined the Republican party. At the Republican county convention held at Salyersville, on August 18, Judge Cooper made a red hot speech denouncing machine politics and declaring his allegiance to the Republican cause. He was made a member of the committee on resolutions and was named as a delegate to the Pikeville convention, but his enfeebled condition prevented his making the trip. Judge Cooper is a brother of Judge John E. Cooper, of Mt. Sterling, and father of C. M. and J. H. Cooper, of this city. He has always been an active Democrat and has been elected to office in Magoffin county several times.

He thinks it time honest people condemn the political tactics of such men as Frank Hopkins, and has promised to make a number of speeches for John W. Langley before the campaign ends. The loss of Judge Cooper will cut a big figure in the Democratic vote of Magoffin county, and the Republicans are bent on giving John Langley 800 majority in Magoffin—Paintsville Herald.

RING PHONE 27

When you want any kind of Meat or Fancy Groceries.

Stole a March on Sam Henry.

Love's sweet triumph was again enacted in Lexington Tuesday morning when R. E. Mason, of Bridgeport, Ala., and Miss Lillie Hurst, of Wilhurst, Ky., were united in marriage at the home of Rev. I. J. Spence. The marriage ceremony was performed at nine o'clock Tuesday morning, and the young couple immediately left on the Louisville Southern train for a wedding trip through the South. The romance, which terminated in an elopement, began some years ago. The groom is a railroad contractor, and while occupied in building a railroad in Eastern Kentucky, he met the girl who is now his bride. It was a case of mutual love, but parental objection prevented their union. Afterward thousand of miles intervened, but the lovers never despaired. Communication was kept up, and at last an agreement was reached whereby they should meet without the knowledge of the bride's parents and their marriage solemnized. As a result the bride left her home ostensibly to visit friends at Winchester, and it was there the groom met her Monday night. They came to Lexington together the same night, and, securing a license, were married Tuesday morning. A married sister of the bride, who had been taken into confidence and had connived at the wedding, was the only witness, and the old adage of where there's a will there's a way again proved to be true.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam H. Hurst and her father is County Court Clerk of Breathitt county. The family occupy a high place in the esteem of their neighbors. The bride is a pretty girl of 23. She was married in her traveling costume, Lexington Leader.

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MANY MEMORIALS.

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Don't waste time looking around—come here first. I have the monuments you want.

R. M. SHELY, JACKSON, KY.

The PILLAR OF LIGHT

By LOUIS TRACY.
Author of "The Wings of the Morning."

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CHAPTER XIII.

DISCIPLINE slackened its bonds that night. For one thing, Mr. Emmett fell ill. Although inclined to hardship in the elemental strife, being of the stocky mariner race which holds the gulf Atlantic in no dread, he had never before been called on to eat sodden bread, to drink condense I steam flavored with varnish and to chew sustenance from the rind of raw bacon. These drawbacks, added to the lack of exercise and the constant wearing of clothes not yet dry, placed him on the sick list.

Again there were ominous whispers of unfair division in the matter of food. It was not within the realm of accomplishment that the purser, Constance, End and others who helped to apportion the eatables could treat all alike. Some fared better than others in quality if not in quantity.

"There's a race over the rock that would break up a stranded battleship."

"Say, do you like this kind of life?"

"I have given my best years to it."

Pyne was smoking a pipe, one which Brand lent him. The tobacco was a capital substitute for food, especially as he had established a private understanding with Elsie and Mamie that they were to waylay him when possible and nibble a piece of biscuit he carried in his pocket.

This arrangement was to be kept a strict secret from all, especially from Miss Constance and Miss End, while the little ones themselves did not know that the sea dragons whom Pyne feared so greatly gave them surreptitious doses from the last tin of condensed milk, retained for their exclusive benefit.

"Do you mind my saying that you are a good bit of an enigma?" he hazarded between puffs.

"It may be so, but I like the service."

"Just so. I was never so happy as when I took a trip as fourth engineer on a tramp in the gulf of Florida. But that didn't signify being led to a long nosed elder for the remainder of my days."

"Are you a marine engineer?" inquired Brand, with some show of interest.

"I hold a certificate just for fun. I had a mechanical twist in me and gave it play. But I am an elder by profession."

The lighthouse keeper laughed so naturally that the younger man was gratified. Polite disbelief may be a compliment.

"An elder, eh? You do not strike me as properly classed."

"It's the fact, nevertheless. My grandfather was pleased to invest a few dollars in real estate on the sheep farm where Manhattan avenue now stands. My uncle has half; my mother had the other half."

"Are both of your parents dead?"

"Yes; years ago; lost at sea, too, on my father's yacht."

"What a terrible thing!"

"It must have been something like that. I was only six years old at the time. My uncle lost his wife and child, too, when the Esmeralda went down. It nearly killed him. I never thought he would marry again, but I suppose he's tired of being alone."

On the rock they were undoubtedly in grave danger. Death confronted them—death at once extraordinary and ghastly. No tyrant of the middle ages, with all his paraphernalia for wringing truth or lies out of cringing wretches, had devised such a fate as threatened if the incestuous sea should choose to render the reef altogether unapproachable for many days. Yet if he had come he and those dear to him were already steeped in unavoidable notoriety, bringing in its train certain vague disabilities which he had striven to avoid for over twenty years.

And all this because one fierce gale out of the many he had endured sprang into being at a moment when his mates were incapacitated and his daughters happened to pay him a surprise visit.

"It is an insane freak of fortune," he muttered, "so incomprehensible, so utterly out of focus with common events, that if I were a superstitious man I should regard it as befitting the approach of some great epoch in my life. Surely, a merciful Providence would not bring my girls here to subject them to the lingering torture of hunger and thirst. I must not think of it further."

"Mystery! None whatever. I was mistaken. I have never met him. I came now to explain that to him. Oh—"

She dived suddenly as the gallery door opened. Brand caught a fleeting glimpse of her vanishing form.

"Who was that?" he asked. Pyne had found his pipe and was filling it with tobacco.

"Mrs. Vansittart," he answered.

"Paying her long deferred visit. I suppose. She chose a curious hour."

"So I thought. But she'd popped her head in to tell you it's—didn't know you at all."

Brand smiled.

"Poor lady!" he said. "She, like the rest of us, is perturbed to say. I imagine she is of a somewhat mysterious temperament."

"That's so," agreed Pyne.

There were puzzling discrepancies in Mrs. Vansittart's explanation of her untimely appearance. Evidently she did not expect to meet him there. She thought she would find the lighthouse keeper alone. The ready deduction presented itself that when she did encounter Brand she did not wish any third person to be present at the interview.

That Constance's father had no cause to look at matters in the same light he was quite certain. Anyhow, it was not his affair, and he desisted to trouble his head about Mrs. Vansittart's vagaries.

So the young philosopher lit his pipe and delivered a dictum on the sex.

"Some women," he said, "are made up of contradictions. She is one. I have known her for some time, and I thought nothing could fascinate her. But there must be a sort of society crust over her emotions, and the wreck broke it. Now, for my part, I like a woman with a clear soul, one whom you can catch the light of the inner crystal."

"They are rare," said Brand.

"I suppose so. Indeed, I used to be a mere ideal of mine, built up from books. But they exist, and they are worth looking for."

He waited, lest perchance no other man should take the cut that offered, but Brand, for the tenth time, was poring over the records of the days which followed the hurricane reported by a former keeper. The American pursued his lips.

"He has had a bad time with a woman once in his life," he mused. "It must have been Constance's mother, and that is why he doesn't believe in hereditary. Well, I guess he's right."

Had he seen Mrs. Vansittart cowering on her knees outside her bedroom door, he might have found cause for more disturbing reflections. She was crying softly, with her face hidden in her hands.

"Oh, I dare not! I dare not!" she moaned. "I am the most miserable woman in the world. It would have been better if I had gone down with the vessel. The Lord saved me only to

be justified:

Long foretold,
Long last;
Short notice,
Soon past.

And the hurricane had given but slight warning of its advent.

"I feel it in my bones that we shall

all be as frisky as lambs tomorrow," said Pyne when he rejoined Brand after the scurry caused by the rain had passed.

"We must not be too sanguine. There is a chance now. I won't deny that, but the sea is treacherous."

"This reef licks creation. At Bar Harbor, in Maine, where a mighty big sea can kick up in a very few hours, I have seen it go down again like magic under a change of wind."

"That is quite reasonable. Any ordinary commotion has room to spread itself in the tideway. Here the tide is broken up into ocean rivers, streams with boundaries as definite as the Thames. The main body sweeps up into the bottle neck of the channel. Another tributary comes round the north of the Scilly Isles and runs into the tidal stream again exactly at this point. The result often is that, while little pleasure boats can safely run out into the bay from Falmouth, there is a race over the rock that would break up a stranded battleship."

"Say, do you like this kind of life?"

"I have given my best years to it."

Pyne was smoking a pipe, one which Brand lent him. The tobacco was a capital substitute for food, especially as he had established a private understanding with Elsie and Mamie that they were to waylay him when possible and nibble a piece of biscuit he carried in his pocket.

This arrangement was to be kept a strict secret from all, especially from Miss Constance and Miss End, while the little ones themselves did not know that the sea dragons whom Pyne feared so greatly gave them surreptitious doses from the last tin of condensed milk, retained for their exclusive benefit.

"Do you mind my saying that you are a good bit of an enigma?" he hazarded between puffs.

"It may be so, but I like the service."

"Just so. I was never so happy as when I took a trip as fourth engineer on a tramp in the gulf of Florida. But that didn't signify being led to a long nosed elder for the remainder of my days."

"Are you a marine engineer?" inquired Brand, with some show of interest.

"I hold a certificate just for fun. I had a mechanical twist in me and gave it play. But I am an elder by profession."

The lighthouse keeper laughed so naturally that the younger man was gratified. Polite disbelief may be a compliment.

"An elder, eh? You do not strike me as properly classed."

"It's the fact, nevertheless. My grandfather was pleased to invest a few dollars in real estate on the sheep farm where Manhattan avenue now stands. My uncle has half; my mother had the other half."

"Are both of your parents dead?"

"Yes; years ago; lost at sea, too, on my father's yacht."

"What a terrible thing!"

"It must have been something like that. I was only six years old at the time. My uncle lost his wife and child, too, when the Esmeralda went down. It nearly killed him. I never thought he would marry again, but I suppose he's tired of being alone."

On the rock they were undoubtedly in grave danger. Death confronted them—death at once extraordinary and ghastly. No tyrant of the middle ages, with all his paraphernalia for wringing truth or lies out of cringing wretches, had devised such a fate as threatened if the incestuous sea should choose to render the reef altogether unapproachable for many days. Yet if he had come he and those dear to him were already steeped in unavoidable notoriety, bringing in its train certain vague disabilities which he had striven to avoid for over twenty years.

And all this because one fierce gale

out of the many he had endured sprang into being at a moment when his mates were incapacitated and his daughters happened to pay him a surprise visit.

"It is an insane freak of fortune," he muttered, "so incomprehensible, so utterly out of focus with common events, that if I were a superstitious man I should regard it as befitting the approach of some great epoch in my life. Surely, a merciful Providence would not bring my girls here to subject them to the lingering torture of hunger and thirst. I must not think of it further."

"Mystery! None whatever. I was mistaken. I have never met him. I came now to explain that to him. Oh—"

She dived suddenly as the gallery door opened. Brand caught a fleeting glimpse of her vanishing form.

"Who was that?" he asked. Pyne had found his pipe and was filling it with tobacco.

"Mrs. Vansittart," he answered.

"Paying her long deferred visit. I suppose. She chose a curious hour."

"So I thought. But she'd popped her head in to tell you it's—didn't know you at all."

Brand smiled.

"Poor lady!" he said. "She, like the rest of us, is perturbed to say. I imagine she is of a somewhat mysterious temperament."

"That's so," agreed Pyne.

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you can catch the light of the inner crystal."

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